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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9-11 and add new claims 13-19 as follows. Claims 1-8 and 12 remain unchanged but have been reproduced for the Examiner's convenience.

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1.   An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:

an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a user;

a user-actuatable input means in communication with said electronic gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and

a game controller in communication with said user-actuatable input means, said game controller initiating and simultaneously continuing play of multiple ones of said plurality of games in response to user activation thereof.

2.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, and further comprising a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to calculate a composite pay table corresponding to joint possible outcomes of said multiple ones of said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.

3.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2 wherein said composite pay table defines a new game.

4.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said composite pay table defines a bonus table.

5.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, and further comprising a network interface in communication with said game controller, enabling communication with said game controller from a remote location.

6.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said remote location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1   7.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a plurality of

2   separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1   8.   A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said composite

2   pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic gaming devices.

1   9.   (Amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

2   said user-actuatable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1   10.   (Amended) A method of playing an electronic game comprising

2   the steps of:

3   selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games

4   presented by an electronic gambling device;

5   supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an

6   additional game from said menu of said plurality of games; and

7   initiating and concurrently playing said first and said additional games.

1   11.   (Amended) A method of playing an electronic game according to

2   Claim 10, and further comprising:

3   providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and

4   presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in

5   the form of additional betting and winning opportunities.

1   12.   A method of playing an electronic game according to Claim 11,

2   and further comprising;

3   establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling

4   devices; and

5   communicating said alternative pay table to said plurality of electronic

6   gambling devices.

1   13.   (New) A method for providing a plurality of electronic games on

2   an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:

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3   providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each

4   electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;

5   receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;

6   initiating play of the selected two or more electronic games; and

7   playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially

8   simultaneously.

1   14.   (New) A method according to Claim 13, further comprising

2   receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1   15.   (New) A method according to Claim 14, further comprising

2   determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based on the two

3   or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected two or more games.

1   16.   (New) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the determining

2   a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based on the two or more

3   games selected comprises determining the pay table based on the joint outcomes of the

4   two or more games selected.

1   17.   (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the pay

2   table calculator calculates the composite pay table is calculated using odds of the multiple

3   ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for the multiple ones of

4   said plurality of electronic games.

1   18.   (New) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein at least

2   one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1   19.   (New) A method according to Claim 10, wherein at least on of the

2   first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.